Council of India through a competitive examination. In other cases the mode of selection is not known.

Aids situation in Karnataka

708. SHRI J. P. JAVALI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per the disclosure of the Karnataka Government, 470 persons are found to be affected by AIDS, in Karnataka;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether as per the disclosure, the dreaded disease is spreading in Karnataka through Blood Banks in addition to other causes?

THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) No, Sir. As per information available through santinel surveillance, 767 HIV positive cases have been detected in Karnataka, out of which 7 are full blown AIDS cases.

(c) As of now, the main mode of transmission of the infection appears to be through sex. At the same time, blood-safety measures are being tightened to ensure that there is no flare up through this route.

C.G.H.S. dispensary in R. K Puram

709. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been examining a proposal or have decided to set up a poly clinic/mini CGHS Hospital to provide more pathological test facilities and X-ray facilities and development of Specialists of different disciplines in R. K. Puram area of Delhi particularly in Sector 6 Dispensary under CGHS; and

(b) if so, what are the details of action taken or proposed to be taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Medical facilities to M.Ps at V. B. Patel House

710. SHRI MOHAMMED AMIN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what medical facilities are extended to the M.Ps residing at V. B. Patel House;

(b) whether it is a fact that no medicine, injection and other things which are necessary for first aid is available at the first aid medical centre on the ground floor; and

(c) what are the reasons that a full fladged C.G.H.S. dispensary is not opened there so that medicines can also be supplied to the M.Ps and other persons covered by the contributory medical scheme?

THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Members of Parliament are extended the same medical facilities as are available to Class I Government servants. The Members of Parliament residing at V. B. Patel House are getting medical facilities from North Avenue CGHS Dispensary which functions round the clock.

In addition, these M.Ps can avail of treatment from the First-Aid Centre at Vithal Bhai Patel House from 10.00 A.M. to 5 P.M. as also X-ray, Specialist Services, Pathological Investigations and dental treatment from Parliament House Annexe Dispensary.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) In view of location of CGHS facilities close by it is not considered necessary to open a CGHS dispensary at V.B. Patel House.